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Applicant : MANFRED BALDAUF ET AL.  
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Title : FUEL CELL INSTALLATION AND METHOD FOR OPERATING A  
FUEL CELL INSTALLATION

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

German Patent DE 44 12 451 C1 (Riemer et al.) dated September 28, 1995, pertains to an arrangement of an engine unit in an electric vehicle;

German Published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 198 12 155 A1 (Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH) dated September 30, 1999, pertains to an arrangement for power transformation, comprising at least two fuel cell stacks and at least one reform unit, as well as a fuel cell power plant;

German Published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 197 03 171 A1 (Tachtler et al.) dated August 6, 1998, pertains to a vehicle with an internal combustion drive motor;

German Published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 196 37 207 A1 (Nölscher et al.) dated March 26, 1998, pertains to an installation and device for power generation;

German Published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 196 47 417 A1 (Diekmann) dated May 28, 1998, pertains to the linking of fuel cell modules;



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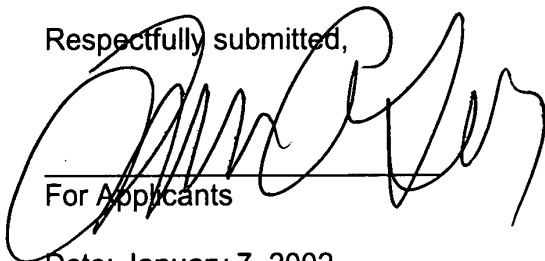
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If no translation of pertinent portions of any foreign language patents or publications mentioned above is included with the aforementioned copies of those applications, patents and/or publications, it is because no existing translation is readily available to the applicant.

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